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SUBJECT: STATEMENT ISSUED BY PRESIDENT TITO AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER AT CONCLUSION OF THEIR MEETING,
BELGRADE, NOVEMBER 4, 1974

REF: STATE 230784, OCT 21

1. TRANSLATION TITO REMARKS FOLLOW:

"WE HAD TODAY VERY GOOD TALKS WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE MR. KISSINGER. THE SECRETARY OF
STATE HAD TALKS BEFORE THAT WITH OUR PRIME
MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. THE TALKS WERE
CONCERNED WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS AND ALSO
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, MOSTLY THE MIDDLE EAST.
AS REGARDS BILATERAL RELATIONS WE OF COURSE AGREED
TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND THEM. CURRENT
RELATIONS SO FAR ALSO ARE NOT BAD. AS REGARDS
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS ESPECIALLY THE MIDDLE EAST
CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ON BOTH SIDES BECAUSE OF THE
STAGNATION THAT IS THERE. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE
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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH SO FAR WAS

THE MAIN INFLUENCE IN THE CARRYING OUT OF THE
DISENGAGEMENT AND FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE
CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL. THE
SECRETARY OF STATE WILL SOON VISIT AGAIN THIS REGION
AND HE WILL KNOW BEST WHAT THIS SITUATION IS AND WHAT
THERE IS TO DO. THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAD WERE VERY
USEFUL AND I AM VERY GLAD SECRETARY KISSINGER
VISITED YUGOSLAVIA AND ON MANY THINGS WE DISCUSSED
OUR POSITIONS WERE SIMILAR."

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER REMARKS FOLLOW:

"I WANTED TO THANK THE PRESIDENT FOR THE VERY
CORDIAL RECEPTION HE HAS HAD FOR ME AND THE VERY
FRANK AND FRIENDLY TALKS THAT WE HAD. THE
PRESIDENT AND I AS WELL AS HIS ASSOCIATES
REVIEWED THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES. I AGREED COMPLETELY WITH WHAT THE
PRESIDENT SAID. THOSE RELATIONS WERE GOOD TO BEGIN
WITH AND WE DECIDED TO STRENGTHEN THEM THROUGH
CONSULTATIONS AND OTHER MEANS. WITH RESPECT TO
INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS WE REVIEWED SEVERAL OF THEM
AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS WAS PAID TO THE MIDDLE EAST.
WE, THE UNITED STATES, WOULD LIKE TO DO OUR BEST
TO PREVENT ANY STALEMATE FROM DEVELOPING. THIS
REQUIRES THAT ALL OF THE PARTIES ON BOTH SIDES
UNDERSTAND THE SPECIAL NECESSITIES OF THE OTHER AND
MAKE AN EFFORT TO BRING THEIR POSITIONS CLOSER TO
EACH OTHER. IT IS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT I AM GOING
TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO SEE WHETHER USEFUL NEGOTIATIONS
CAN BE CONDUCTED AND IN WHAT MANNER AND I PLEDGE
THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO IMPROVE
MATTERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO A JUST AND LASTING
PEACE. ALTOGETHER I WOULD EVALUATE MY VISIT HERE
VERY USEFUL, CONTRIBUTING TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR RELATIONSHIP.

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